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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This will be my last message as your President and I am anxious to leave with each and every member of our organization a thought or two that can be of some value to them.

The two years in the presidency have slipped away surprisingly fast. There have been disappointments and satisfactions. The most concerning fact has been the let-down in our nomenclature proceedures due to unexpected complications. It is my hope that our new officers will solve this problem in the near future.

Other than two or three slow-downs in local activities our chapters are doing well and I am very grateful for the interest and cooperation which has been given both by chapter and society officers.

While it will be repitition of statements, I have made in recent messages, I still consider our shows the most important phase of our duties. If our shows this year are really impressive, our organization will be strengthened proportionately. New members will come to join us and we will get a full measure of satisfaction.

The manner in which we handle and judge the seedlings in our shows this year will play a notably important role in the future of our hybridization and promotional activities. I am very much inpressed with the seedlings of the past year and many people have had a part in this. The least we can do is show sincere appreciation with praise and encouragement.

I sincerely hope that our seedlings will be the most impressive feature of every show this year, they are worth it.

We must have a corps of competent judges to appraise the seedlings in every show in the interest of fair play. This is the least we can do.

In saying good-bye as President I wish to extend to all officers elected for the coming year the best of everything.

-- Ralph H. Philo